



MAJESTY OF THE CLOUDS

“And then shall they see the Son of man coming
in the clouds with great power and glory.”

—Mark 13:26

Recently, Ray and I departed back to headquarters in Wilson, NC. We decided to drive our car and enjoy the week-long trip rather than fly. This allowed us to drive through many US states. Each day, we drove up to 14 hours, and the trip took us through Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and finally North Carolina.

As evening set on the third day, somewhere in Nebraska, a large cumulonimbus cloud* was forming in front of us. I was fascinated with the enormity of it as I had never seen such a storm cloud from the ground before.

I turned to Ray and said, “I’m sure glad we are driving and not flying through or around such a cloud.”

Ray and I have had the experience of flying above the clouds. Having seen many types of clouds while flying, I know we would never enter or attempt to get too close, choosing instead to go far around them. The updrafts associated with a supercell cloud can reach up to 45 meters per second. They come with hurricane-type winds, creating turbulence inside the clouds, and the potential for damage to a plane is high. I am always in awe of how Ray can maneuver us around the more “active” clouds to avoid such storm conditions.

I have often daydreamed about laying on one! What would it feel like? Marshmallows, cotton balls, the softest bed ever! Would it smell like fresh

air after a rain? This creation of God from water vapors, forming into water droplets, is a miracle. I look forward to someday fulfilling that daydream and to the day we will be able to see Jesus return before our very eyes on a glorious, bright cloud.

“And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.” Genesis 1:7

At AWA, we take great care when assessing whether to fly in all types of weather. As we continue to reach for the skies, flying medical patients and supplies where and when we can on each Project, please keep us uplifted in your prayers. Just like the clouds above, we are in God’s hands.

Here’s to blue skies ahead,
Ray and Julie Young



*Cumulonimbus clouds

“Cumulonimbus clouds are towering, anvil-shaped clouds that can reach high into the atmosphere. They grow vertically to heights of nearly 40,000 feet. They are often dark and foreboding, with a flat, anvil-like top. These clouds develop from cumulus clouds that grow vertically due to strong updrafts.” Wikipedia



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